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National News

[The Washington Post](#) — House leaders forge ahead with health bills, hoping to bulldoze internal strife

Key House committees are set to take up legislation to repeal and begin replacing the Affordable Care Act next week, with Republican leaders intent on overcoming internal GOP debates to quickly deliver on a central campaign promise. Those intraparty struggles were highlighted Thursday when a Republican senator joined Democrats in calling for more transparency in the legislation's drafting and suggested that House leaders were keeping details under wraps to sideline conservatives.

[Bloomberg](#) — GOP Governors Forming Plan to Keep Obama Medicaid Expansion

A group of Republican governors is preparing a compromise plan for their peers in Congress who want to roll back Obamacare's Medicaid benefits, asking them to preserve the law's expansion of coverage to millions of poor people. The compromise proposal has been initiated by a group including Ohio Governor John Kasich and Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, and would hold on to parts of the Affordable Care Act's expansion of the program.

[The Washington Post](#) — CMS nominee moves on a party-line vote toward confirmation

A sharply divided Senate Finance Committee on Thursday morning recommended the confirmation of Seema Verma, a health-care consultant who has reshaped Medicaid in several states, to run the nation's Medicare and Medicaid programs.

[The Hill](#) — Tying ObamaCare repeal to Planned Parenthood worries some in GOP

Some congressional Republicans think tying the defunding of Planned Parenthood to an ObamaCare repeal bill could jeopardize the healthcare law rollback that they've been working on for eight years.

[STAT News](#) — Donors pledge nearly \$200 million for family planning to fill US gap

Nations and philanthropists pledged close to \$200 million Thursday for family planning at an international conference that aimed to make up for the gap left by President Trump's ban on US funding to groups linked to abortion.

[The New York Times](#) — Birth Defects Rise Twentyfold in Mothers With Zika, C.D.C. Says

American mothers infected with the Zika virus last year were 20 times as likely to give birth to babies with birth defects as mothers who gave birth two years before the epidemic, federal health officials said on Thursday.

Opinion

[The Washington Post](#) — Republicans already think Obamacare repeal is a nightmare. It's about to get worse.

President Trump's hilariously candid revelation that "nobody knew that health care could be so complicated" may be remembered as the most succinct summary of the Republicans' dilemma as they try to fulfill their endlessly repeated promise to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. And now that things are about to get specific, what had been a dangerous situation for them is about to turn into a nightmare.

State & Local

[Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel](#) — Gov. Scott Walker: Repeal Obamacare the Wisconsin way

Gov. Scott Walker Thursday will urge his fellow Republicans in Congress to overhaul Obamacare but also caution them about going too far in the process.

[The Washington Post](#) — GOP health plan could cost Minnesota billions

Minnesota officials are bracing for billions of dollars in additional health care expenses if congressional Republicans enact a plan they're discussing to replace the Affordable Care Act, according to a draft document obtained by The Associated Press.

[Kansas City KCUR](#) — Missouri Lawmakers Debate Whether Pregnancy Resource Centers Must Provide Science-Backed Information

You don't have to drive far in Missouri to see billboards offering help to pregnant women. They're part of the state's Alternatives to Abortion program, which has seen a big increase in public funding in recent years. This year's legislative debate on the program focuses on a new question: What kind of information should these centers provide to women?

[Rewire](#) — 'Junk Science' Anti-Choice Bills Advance in Indiana, Idaho

The Indiana State House on Monday passed a bill mandating that physicians provide patients with information about so-called abortion pill reversal. HB 1128, sponsored by Rep. Ronald Bacon (R-

Boonville), would require the doctor to inform the pregnant patient, both verbally and in writing, prior to providing a medication abortion about “possibly reversing the effects of an abortion obtained through an abortion inducing drug.”

[The Huffington Post](#) — Activists, Doctors Join Forces To Stop One Of The Country 's Most Restrictive Abortion Bans

Lawmakers in Pennsylvania could pass one of the nation's most restrictive anti-abortion bills this month, banning most abortions after 20 weeks and criminalizing a medically accepted method of terminating a pregnancy.

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